Eventually she gets around to filing, and usually finds bits of unfinished business.

Yours of 10/18 (so - "eventually" was the right word). Vantage Point: that morning you had heard on radio news that NYTimes apparently had said he (LBJ) had used some of the Pentagon Papers sealed by court for "national security," and you asked - if we still had it - for a copy. Don't have it. It's possible, but not very probable, that I missed it. Two possibilities: it didn't appear in the edition we get, or it was in the Sunday issue, which we don't get at all. Oct 18 was a Monday, so report could have been from Sunday edition. That batch of papers, as it happened, was piled up to be disposed of, so it was simple to check Oct 16, 18, 19. Not there. Might have been on the back of something already clipped, but I look on the back before clipping. I really don't think I could have missed it.

In same letter you ask if we have any recollection of Gene Roberts' reporting from Dallas. No, we haven't, in terms of connecting any particular story to his byline. (Our files are by subject, sort of, and we've had occasion to regret it, but we're stuck with it now. We do have cards which serve to cross-index some of the main files, but had to discontinue it I think in the summer of 1967, just couldn't keep it up. Now, when it seems necessary, I stick a memo in a folder as a reminder of something filed elsewhere. We have been able to continue with a record of magazine articles and books, by author, source and date, and in this connection if you see an ad or review of a book, say, we'd appreciate having the details - author, title, publisher, date.) Back to Roberts. Jimmy had a bad, bad headache today and spent some time in bed, and to make sure he'd be able to sleep I did some quiet work, so it was a good time to check the Dallas stuff. Nothing bylined Roberts.

Note written 24 Oct, in which you ask if we'd be interested in tapes you might make of intvs such as one you'd just heard with an American doctor back from China. Of course we would, in theory, but it would cost you time and effort and - apart from the problem of finding the time to listen to it (I've had to erase tapes I've made which Jimmy hasn't been able to hear) - you might be duplicating what we've heard here. KPFA has carried a great deal on China, especially post-ping-pong: intvs, discussions. But we thank you for the thought, the offer and the willingness.

Note, 10/24. You had heard morning Mutual news which had story saying one of JER's former lawyers had said he didn't care about getting caught because he expected Wallace to be elected and pardon him, Wash Post had nothing on it and you asked that if we'd seen anything to send you a copy. Nothing here. But I do remember something to that effect and perhaps also heard it on radio. But have nothing in print, in our files.

Your letter 10/31/71, last page: "Lil has long been after me to isolate myself and just work." As Jimmy said in his letter of 4 Nov, we agree. My question would be, with Ned as a for-instance, can you <u>afford</u> this kind of help in terms of what it costs you in time, energy and emotional strain? That isn't to say I wouldn't have been tempted and wouldn't have accepted, because I think I might have. (How easy it is to give advice, especially when you know how something turned out.) That isn't to say, either, that you shouldn't accept help, but - well, I was going to say that since you're the one who knows what help is needed it should be on your terms, but in Ned's case that was pretty well spelled out in advance, wasn't it?